*Iron Bridge at Quilon.*

304 *MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any representations have been made for the reconstruction or repair of the Iron Bridge at Quilon;

(*b*) if so, the earliest date of such representation; and

(*c*) the steps taken on the representations?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) January 1940.

(*c*) An estimate has been prepared and provision made for the work in the budget for 1117 under Road Development Fund.

*Appointment of lascars in the Electricity Department.*

305 *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether in the Government Gazette of 14th Edavom 1116, applications were invited for appointment as lascars in the Work Establishment of the Electricity Department;

(*b*) the number of applications received by the Public Service Commissioner before 22nd Edavom 1116; and

(*c*) the names of candidates appointed?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 118 applications were received, of which only 20 were valid.

(*c*) (1) Muhammad Ali Haneefa.
(2) C. Gopalan.
(3) P. S. Vasudevan Nair.
(4) K. V. Chacko.
(5) K. Raghavan Pillai.
(6) P. K. Raghava Panicker.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether the communal ratio has been kept in view?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI: Yes.

*Expenditure of the Police Department.*

306 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state the expenditure of the Police Department for 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114 and 1115?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY:

| Year. | Amount. Rs. |
|---|---|
| 1111 | 7,08,832. |
| 1112 | 7,40,457. |
| 1113 | 7,43,026. |
| 1114 | 8,60,251. |
| 1115 | 9,04,360. |

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know how many police men were there for every two thousand people of the State in 1111 and 1115?

PRESIDENT: The population census and the departmental administration report will enable the answer to be derived.

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MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR. Sir, I ask this question just to point out that though in 1111 and 1115 there was one police man for every two thousand people. though there was the same number of police men for every 5 square miles in the two years, the expenditure has increased from 7 lakhs in 1111 to Rs. 9 lakhs in 1115.

PRESIDENT: What is the question.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: It was just to point it out that I put my question, It could have been answered easily by a reference to the Administration Report of the Department.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, I rise to a point of order, whether he is entitled to put supplementary questions for the purpose of supplying information which the member is in possession of,

PRESIDENT: He is not in order.

*Working of the Public Service Recruitment Rules.*

307 MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which recruitment to positions in the public service on a pay of Rs. 20 and above including the positions of Proverthicars and Accountants in the Land Revenue Department were first made on communal basis;

(*b*) whether there were qualified candidates available on the above date from all communities for recruitment to the above positions; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is not in the affirmative, whether the Public Service Commissioner had invited applications from qualified candidates belonging to communities in which there were no previously selected candidates available for recruitment on or prior to that date?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI: (*a*) 1-3-1116.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

*Medical Department.*

308 * MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN; Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table:

(*a*) a statement, by caste, of the officers in the Medical Department receiving a pay of over Rs. 100; and

(*b*) a statement, by caste, of the persons appointed in the Medical Department during the last two years ending 15-11-1116?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: (*a*) A statement* containing the required information is placed on the table.

(*b*) It is not possible to furnish the statement as the particular grade or grades to which the appointments relate is not given.

MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHHMMEN: ഡോക്ടർട്ടമെൻറിൽ ഫസ്റ്റ് ക്ലാസ്സിലേക്ക് ശമ്പളംവാങ്ങുന്നവരായി സ്ത്രീ പേർ ഉണ്ടെന്നു കാണുന്നു ഇതിൽ പകുതിയോടടുത്തു ക്രിസ്ത്യാനികളാണു. എന്നാൽ അതിൽ

* *Vide* Appendix VIII.

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